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FM AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 4489

C O N F I D E N T I A L DUBLIN 0337

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, PFOR, EI

SUBJ: CIVAIR LANDING RIGHTS

REF: STATE 042266

1. AMBASSADOR HAS MET ON LANDING RIGHTS SUBJECT SEPARATELY WITH OUT- GOING PRIMIN LYNCH AND IN- COMING PRIMIN COSGRAVE. COSGRAVE HAS NOT HAD TIME TO FOCUS ON THE LANDING RIGHTS ISSUE BUT STATES HE WILL GO INTO THE SUBJECT ON A PRIORITY BASIS WITH HIS NEW ADMINISTRATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER HIS GOVT HAS BEEN FORMED ON MARCH 14.

2. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR US AND FOR COSGRAVE THAT HE BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND TO THE PUBLIC HOW CLOSE TO SETTLEMENT THIS ISSUE WAS WITH LYNCH GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING OUR FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO LYNCH'S WASHINGTON REQUEST FOR CHARTER LIBERALIZATION (DUBLIN 136) ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE TOLD MR. COSGRAVE WE WILL DELIVER A DIPLOMATIC NOTE MAKING A CLEAR RECORD OF OUR RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE LYNCH GOVERNMENT AND OUTLINING THE PRESENT POSITION. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE THEREFORE, PROPOSE TO DELIVER TO OUT- GOING FOREIGN MINISTER ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 14 THE NOTE AS AUTHORIZED IN STATE 33718 WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS WHICH ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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INTENDED FOR PRESENTATIONAL PURPOSES HERE:

A. IN POINT 1 OF DEPARTMENT'S DRAFT NOTE, SECOND SENTENCE, INSERT THE WORD " ONLY" AFTER THE WORD " REMOVED."

B. REARRANGE POINT RG COULD NOT ACCEPT STRONGER LANGUAGE.

4. PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE TO CONCLUSION OF ABOVE CITED AGREEMENTS DURING BREZHNEV VISIT WILL REMAIN THE BERLIN CLAUSE. ALEXY CONFIRMED THAT BONN IS VERY CONCERNED BY WHAT IT SEES AS SYSTEMATIC EFFORT BY SOVIETS TO SLICE AWAY AT FRG TIES WITH BERLIN, BY GIVING STRICT RATHER THAN LIBERAL INTERPRETATION OF AMBIGUOUS LANGUAGE, CONTRARY TO BONN'S EXPECTATIONS. FALIN HAS EVIDENTLY BEEN OVERRULED ON THIS QUESTION. FRG HOPES IT CAN FINALLY ELIMINATE BERLIN ISSUE AS CONSTANT IRRITANT, AS WELL AS BUREAUCRATIC NUSIANCE (E. G. NEED FOR SEPARATE BERLIN VISA IN PASSPORT). IT SUSPECTS THAT TO DO SO, HOWEVER, IT WILL HAVE TO ESCALATE MATTER TO BREZHNEV LEVEL.

5. ON RELATED ISSUE OF SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD FRG- GDR RELATIONS, ALEXY SAID THAT HIS EMBASSY WAS ALSO INTRIGUED BY MARCH 7 PRAVDA ARTICLE BY SED POLITBURO MEMBER AXEN (MOSCOW 2527), WONDERING WHETHER IT REPRESENTED EFFORT BY PANKOW TO REASSURE SOVIETS WHO MAY BE NERVOUS OVER WHAT THEY PERCEIVE TO BE GROWING DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO GERMANY'S.
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